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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY~~COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany REPORT TOPIC Military Information from JenaEVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED 50X1-HUMDATE OF CONTENT DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 28 July 1950REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS

1. Several soldiers cleaning two tanks, about 65 soldiers doing calisthenics, and about 50 soldiers marching to the mess building were observed in the area of the barracks of Jena-Loebstadt (M 51/J 76) on 25 June 1950. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. All windows of one barracks building, the windows on the second floor of a second building and only a few windows of all other buildings were illuminated that evening.

2. the barracks were used by about 500 troops who have been concentrated there from all barracks in Jena. It was said that only fire guards were located in the other barracks.

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3. Motor vehicles were seen in the barracks area of Jena-Loebstedt.

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4. Only a few soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen in the barracks of Jena-Zwätzen. *

5. A high unit headquarters was allegedly located in the agricultural school of Thuringia, which is surrounded by a high board fence. All buildings of this school were occupied. Grates had been installed on the windows on the ground floor. On 30 June 1950 the entrance was guarded by two officers wearing golden epaulets with pink longitudinal stripes and without branch-of-service insignia. Only officers were seen at windows. A frame antenna, with a side length of about 80 cm, was mounted on a rod about one meter high, on top of one school building. **

* Comment. Most of the elements of the 20th Gds Mecz

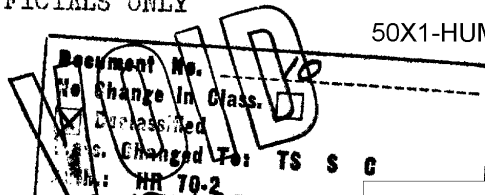
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
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Div from Jena left the post in early May 1950 for field exercises, presumably going to Ohrdruf. 

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This information is confirmed by the above report.
**  Comment. Possibly the Hq 20th Gds Mecz Div. The location of the division headquarters has not been determined.

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